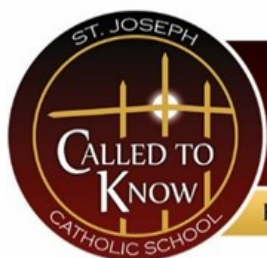


Summer 2024 Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

I pray that this letter finds you well, enjoying the summer days with your family and friends. Recently, at an administrator's retreat, we were able to hear Fr. Sean Kilcawley during one of our sessions. He spoke of both the maternal and paternal nature of the Church and how those aspects of her have manifested themselves over the course of history. I believe that there are parallels to this in the life of a Catholic school, namely our own St. Joseph's. In the maternal vein (nurturing, accepting), our children and families are welcomed to our school just as they are – as beloved children of God. Conversely, the people of St. Joseph accept our school staff just where they are, on their journey of discipleship, knowing that we, too, are a work in progress.

As a school, we are called to be paternal as well. That is, we challenge and call our children to more. This is manifested in calling forth academic, social, emotional, and spiritual growth, to mature as rational beings, created to serve our Father and one day be with Him in paradise. This calling forth also includes our parents, who as first teachers may be challenged to grow in patience with homework at the dining room table, or in problem-solving with a classroom teacher on a friendship issue or grappling with questions about the Faith. So too, we staff and administration are called upon to grow in our deepening knowledge of child development and pedagogy, as well as the unique and specific needs of the students and families we serve. We are indeed all works in progress in this venture. This road of growth and learning requires patience, communication, and assumptions of positive intentions on all sides. That is easily said but much harder to carry out and live on a daily basis. I know my own frailties and sins are not small and indeed would be insurmountable, save the enduring grace of God. I ask your ongoing prayers for our school, and please be assured of mine for your families, as we prepare to embark on this coming year of promise and hope. As your principal, I have much to be grateful for when I reflect on the goodness and support of the people of God here.

Please reach out as questions or concerns arise and welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year of our Lord. May God, whose love encompasses both the maternal and paternal, bless all of you in these remaining weeks of summer!

Yours in Christ,
Kevin L. Naumann, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 3-4 Class Lists Posted
- 5 New Parent
Orientation, 6:30 pm
- 14 School Pictures 2:00-7:00 pm
Back to School Ice Cream
Social 6:30-7:30 pm
- 15 Assumption of BVM
(Holy Day of Obligation)
- 16 First Day of School K-8
Noon Dismissal
- 19 First Day of MWF Preschool
- 20 First Day of T/Th Preschool
& M-F/STEM Pre-K
Back to School Night
K- 5:30 pm, 3rd- 6:15 pm,
4th- 7:00 pm, JH- 7:45 pm
- 22 Back to School Night
1st-5:30 pm, 2nd-6:15 pm,
5th-7:00 pm, 6th- 7:45 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 No School (Labor Day)
- 3 New Volunteer Orientation,
6:30 pm
- 4 BIST Consultant Visit
- 9 Student Confessions
- 13 Monthly School Rosary,
10:30 am
- 19 Health Screenings,
Preschool & 1-4th
- 20 1:00 PM Dismissal
(Faculty Meeting)
- 23-27 Walk for Christ Week
- 27 Walk for Christ Day

School Calendar:

The updated [2024-2025 School Calendar](#) is on the St. Joseph School website.

****Emergency Contact and Technology Policy:**

You have been notified if we have not received your Emergency Contact form or our Computer Acceptable Use Policy. If you have been notified please read over and fill out both forms to be returned ASAP. Both forms were sent home in your Continuing Registration Packet back in the Spring, and were due in May. If you have any questions please send it to Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

Kindness Pledge:

Each year every Saint Joseph student needs to fill out our Kindness Pledge. ***Please talk through the meaning of this pledge with your child.***

For students **K-2nd grade** use this [form](#).

For students **3-8th grade** use this [form](#).

These forms are due by **July 26th**. You have different options on how to return it to the school: it can be mailed in or brought into the school office during Summer office hours. If you have any questions please send it to Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

Student Supply List:

A supply list for next year is on the school website and [attached here](#).

Back to School Ice Cream Social:

Come join our school family as we celebrate the new school year at our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on **Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-7:30pm!** Sundaes will be served in the school cafeteria. That same night, you can sign up students for Walk For Christ t-shirts in the library, check out your classrooms, and talk to your teachers!



HEALTH NOTES

STUDENTS ENTERING

Kindergarten and 7th Grade

need to submit Physical Exam Record and Vaccination Records.

All students:

Please turn in a record of your dental exams.

VACCINATE!

Summer is the time to catch up on vaccinations.



School Pictures:

School Pictures will be taking place before school starts this year! On **Wednesday August 14 from 2:00-7:00pm** pictures will be taken in Resurrection Hall. Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve/revise your time. **Please** be sure your child comes on this day as we only have one retake date and want to make sure every child's photo is in our class directory.

Also, please review the [Dress Code guidelines](#) for non-uniform days when picking out your child's outfit.

Beyond the Bell:

Are you in need of something to bridge the gap between school dismissal and the end of your work day? Beyond the Bell has you covered! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open. Visit <https://school.stjosephlnk.org/parent-info/btb/> to learn about BTB and find a button to the online registration form near the bottom of the page.

Contact us at JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Class Placement:

Class lists with homeroom assignments will be posted after all Masses the weekend of **August 3rd & 4th** for preschool through eighth grade. Please make sure your Tuition Agreement and registration is complete so your child(ren) will be included on the lists.

Parent Handbook:

Please look over our **2024-2025 Parent Handbook**. Please email JHEL-Info@cdolinc.net to confirm you have read and agree to the school handbook. We need a response from every parent/guardian.

Medical Forms:

These can be found on our website and attached here: [Medical Forms](#). We have a form for students who receive prescription medication and also one for non-prescription medication. By completing the latter form, you give us permission to give students non-prescription medication for minor things such as headaches, painful braces, etc. Please print, complete and return these forms to school.



Uniforms:

A copy of the [Dress Code](#) policy is included here and in the parent handbook. Please be sure to read it carefully as you prepare uniform clothing for next year.

Parents of girls:

Please make sure that jumpers/skirts are long enough at the beginning of the year to allow for your daughter's growth. If you need to order extra length, please call the 800 number listed on the website. For uniform questions, please contact Dennis Uniform (402-496-9911) or check their website at www.dennisuniform.com. If you need financial assistance with purchasing a uniform fund. Please contact the school for further information. As a reminder, you are also welcome to shop our used uniform supply at school. All items are available for a free-will donation.

****Also, remember to have your child's hair color and style fit the dress code by Picture Day, August 14.***

Lunch Prices:

Student hot lunch prices for the coming year are **\$3.50/child**. MySchoolBucks credit/debit card payment fees increase to \$2.75 per transaction ([see attachment](#)).

Salad Bar will be available as an entrée for 5th-8th grades and adults.

Online payment for lunches is at www.MySchoolBucks.com.

1. Register for a free account*.
2. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with a link to activate your account.
3. Add your student(s) using their school's name (St. Joseph Catholic School-Diocese of Lincoln) and student birthdate.

****For more information, check the Parent Handbook, p. 37.***

Volunteer Information:

If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Gloria Jundt, Gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net, with your information. She will get back to you after August 1st.